

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, June 27, 1911, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. HOTEL CHELSEA, Atlantic City, N. J.. June 27, 1911. My darling Alec:

Yours of June 21 arrived this morning.

About the two items in Mr. Byrnes' account which you say you do not understand:— A.S. McDonald for \$504.24 and the repairs to the Kia Ora motor for \$508.14. McDonald's accounts are always and have always been unsatisfactory and suspicious. The difficulty has been to get him to render his accounts monthly, he prefers to run them on to the year's end and then it is impossible to verify the items. If you could devise some method to force a rendering of accounts at the time I should be infinitely obliged. As for the motor and the Gauldrie motor. I am not sure that the comparison is just, I think the Gauldrie motor was overhauled two years ago, and cost something like \$400 for such overhauling, so that it ought not to need much further repairing for some years. I don't know exactly about the other motor, but we brought it for \$600 of Mr. Perry and even with the \$500 added it would not cost as much as an entirely new one. But it should of course work well now. I want Casey to see the boat before anything is done to her, what do you hear from him? I have heard nothing. I am getting homesick for word of him and Kathleen.

Elsie is getting on finely, she hasn't been out for three days now for good and sufficient and entirely satisfactory cause, but the poor child is getting impatient. Once she gets out again 2 I think she will do seven league boots to health.

I had Daisy and David here over Sunday and they and the babies are coming this weekend. I was so glad to get them down for David was tired out and needed the rest and fresh air. It is very cool here.

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Gertrude is coming also. Mr. and Mrs. Grosvenor don't want to let her go, and I don't think they have been nice about it. Of course I realize that they could not send her this week as it is Commencement week, but they haven't expressed any regret or real appreciation of Elsie's need for her child, and let Gertrude write her mother that she didn't want to come. I think that this last was cruel, they could so easily have worked on her feelings, and they have done it against the mother. Well, Elsie sees it in an entirely different light, she thinks it was their kindness that she might know Gertrude was happy. Such is the different point of view!

Your loving, Mabel. We have Telephone rights to sell. May not we sell enough to buy some stock, it would pay us 8 per cent. Charlie wants to know.